**CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS 2015-2016**

**TEACHERS:** Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. Metsker **ROOM:** 510 **SUBJECT: Core** English

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Sign up for **Parental Portal** to view your child’s grades by accessing our Website (http//www.princessanne.vbschools.com/) Grades are usually updated weekly. You may also subscribe to **“My School Mail”** on our website. **“My School Mail”** is the daily homework sent to you by email. We will also be utilizing wikispaces this year for communication purposes.

**CORE ENGLISH 6 COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The English Curriculum is taught by Units. The following four units will be taught in this order: *Search for Identity, Passages and Challenges, Acceptance, Exploring Themes from Mystery and the Unknown or Laughter and Sorrow.*

T**EXT and MATERIALS: *Holt: Elements of Literature, The Holt Reader, Write Stuff*** and a variety of novels that coincide with each unit. In addition to any assigned novels, students are required to read one additional book during each nine week grading period. *Your child will also need an independent reading book daily.*

**ASSESSMENT MEASURES:** Students will be assessed in many ways to accommodate a variety of learning styles. Observation, discussion, graphic organizers, cooperative group work, oral presentations, quizzes, tests, projects, self-evaluation, and written assignments are methods of assessment. All the Sixth Grade English classes will take a Reading SOL in the fourth quarter.

**STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS/HOMEWORK:** If a student is absent, they will be given a set amount of time to complete their missed work. For example, if a student is out for two days, they will be given two days to make up the work. Homework will be assigned as necessary to reinforce or extend the lessons learned in class. Although there may not be an assignment given every night, it is recommended that students review each day’s lessons at home. Homework will be checked for completion and corrected in class. Homework assignments are written on the homework board every day. Your child’s homework will also be sent daily via *My School Mail.* It is the student’s responsibility to write daily assignments in his/her agenda and check the *While You Were Out* folder for make-up work. Students may earn an academic detention for choosing not to complete homework, essays, class assignments, or projects as that is considered defiance or non-compliance. If the work is turned in prior to the detention date, it will be graded and the student will not have to serve the detention. If a student does not attend detention to make up work, he/she will be assigned ISS and remain there until the work is complete and ready for grading.

**GRADING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES:**

Your child’s English grade will generally be computed in the following manner:

1. Tests, essays, and projects are weighted as two grades, depending on complexity
2. All other assignments are weighted as one grade
3. Students will be given the opportunity to retake a test or redo an assignment if it is evident he/she does not understand the objective and earns a grade below 69.

**Home/School Communication:**

Keeping the communication lines open between the parents and the teachers is vital to a student’s success. Below are ways I will be communicating with you:

* **Conferences** – You may schedule a conference through the guidance department. Conferences are held between 8:30-8:45 A.M. Do not hesitate to contact us by email to discuss any concerns you may have.
* If you have any questions or concerns about your **child’s IEP, your primary contact** is your child’s case manager, followed by Mrs. Barbour, Grade 6 English teacher.

**Behavioral Expectations:** Students experiencing difficulties meeting behavioral expectations will be disciplined according to the Princess Anne Middle School discipline plan**. Steps include: warning, written notification to parent, detention, referral to guidance/conference, and referral to administration**. Depending on the severity of the offense, these steps may not occur in this order. Please refer to the student agenda and/or **Code of Conduct** as it will be strictly enforced. The **Dress Code** will also be enforced. Any student not dressed properly will be sent to the office so that he/she may call home for new clothing. **Cell phones** are not allowed in the classroom and will be confiscated and dropped off in the office for parent pick up. Attendance is crucial. Missing one block is equivalent to missing two classes. Please readthe **VBCPS** **Attendance Policy** carefully. Teachers are not required to supply work for students who have an unverified absences. Both verified and unverified absences count as missed days. Excessive absences will be reported to the administration.

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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

I have received a copy of Mrs. Metsker’s Advanced English class expectations. I have reviewed the expectations and information with my child.

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